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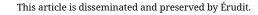
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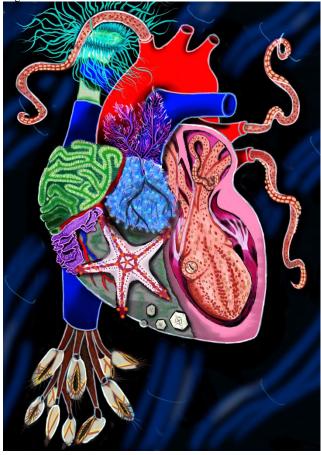
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I learned about Takotsubo cardiomyopathy from an upper year medical student. This disease is also known as broken heart disease and can mimic symptoms of a heart attack. It is triggered by stressful events like a loved one passing away. A characteristic finding is that the ventricle swells to the shape of a Japanese octopus trap, for which this disease was named. I wanted to draw in the octopus in the trap, and the rest of the undersea organisms kind of just happened!

Previous publications: I previously had the pleasure to submit my digital art to Dr. Carol Ann Courneya Heartfelt images contest for the 2022 WHITE COAT WARM HEART exhibit.